Appendix I.

[Vide answer to Starred Question No. 1662 asked by Sri M. Kalyanasundaram at the meeting of the Legislative Assembly held on 21st September 1961, page 329 supra.]

The number of students in Polytechnics

(*a*) 3,027 students.

(*b*) Selection of students who are qualified and eligible for admission to Polytechnics is made after interview by the Selection Committees consisting of the following members constituted by the Director of Technical Education, Madras, for each Government Polytechnic.

Principal of the Polytechnic concerned (Member/Secretary) and two other members-one representing the services and the other representing the trade-of which one member is nominated by the Director of Technical Education as Chairman of the Committee.

In respect of Private Polytechnics the selection is made by the Committees constituted by managements of the respective Polytechnics.

The Selection Committee after interviewing each candidate assesses the suitability of the candidate for entry into technical profession taking into consideration of the following factors :—

(*a*) Aptitude ;

(*b*) General ability ;

(*c*) Sports or N.C.C. activities ;

(*d*) Extra Curricular and Social Services ; and

(*e*) General Physical condition and endurance.

The maximum number of marks to be awarded by the Committee on the basis of this assessment is 75. For purpose of selection the number of marks obtained by the candidate in Mathematics and Science will be added to the marks awarded by the Selection Committee and rank assigned on the basis of the total marks thus obtained and the list finalized by the Committee.

Sixteen per cent of the total number of seats in each Polytechnic is reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and 25 per cent of the seats reserved for socially and educationally backward classes. For the remaining seats candidates are selected on the basis of merit.

Special consideration is shown to candidates who have represented their schools in sports and games and also to candidates with athletic achievements of outstanding merit. Other considerations being equal, preference is given to the candidates belonging to the district in which the Polytechnic is situated.